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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 163**

The General Medical Services and Section  
17C Agreements (Transitional and other  
Ancillary Provisions) (Scotland) Order 2004

PART 2

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING  
TO GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

**Reports to a medical officer**

**23.**—(1) Where, on or before 31st March 2004, a relevant medical practitioner had received a request for information or an inquiry from a medical officer (or an officer of the Department for Work and Pensions on his behalf or at his direction) under paragraph 34 of Schedule 1 to the 1995 Regulations<sup>(1)</sup> but, on 31st March 2004, he had not yet responded to that request or inquiry, the succeeding contractor shall respond as if the request or inquiry had been made under—

- (a) the term of its general medical services contract which gives effect to paragraph 72 of Schedule 5 to the 2004 Regulations; or
  - (b) the equivalent term of its default contract.
- (2) In this article, “medical officer” means a medical practitioner who is—
- (a) employed or engaged by the Department for Work and Pensions; or
  - (b) provided by an organisation in pursuance of a contract entered into with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

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(1) Paragraph 34 of Schedule 1 was substituted by [S.I. 1998/660](#).